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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Misleading Reports

ONE of the minor tribulations which Hongkong has to bear at the present time is its use as a base for the dissemination of inspired and speculative political stories and propaganda emanating alternately from the Communist-controlled mainland and Nationalist-held Formosa. All of these so-called official releases or stories quoting "spokesmen" require to be treated with suspicion. Too many of them are the products of imaginative minds and are frequently without factual basis. Often they seek to perturb the public mind by references to deep plots within the Colony, and by suggesting that the welfare and security of Hongkong is being insidiously undermined by political groups working in secret, and undetected by the Authorities. It is well, therefore, that when the public has such reports presented to them that they should be properly evaluated.

ONE of the latest speculative statements to come from Taipei deals with alleged plans by the Chinese Communists to strengthen underground operations in Hongkong. It makes plausible reading, but as an authentic appraisal of proposed new Communist activities in the Colony it loses much of its appeal by virtue of at least one misstatement of fact. The China Union Press, quoted as the source of the report, declares that the "Red leader in South China, Fang Fang", has been requested by Peking "to infiltrate into Hongkong and organise more compactly the pro-Red workers there," and the report then adds that "Fang Fang was one of the first Communists to be deported by the Hongkong Authorities." In fact, this particular Communist has never been deported from the Colony. He left here of his own volition and free will, although it is readily conceded that his departure did not cause any great regrets. The point worth noting, however, is that a report which claims to be authentic, contains a falsehood. One can hardly, therefore, place much reliance on or give credence to the rest of the story which, in any event, is wholly tendentious.

Restitution

FOR a second time, the negotiations between the West German Government and Israel over the claims of restitution for the Jewish under Hitler have ended in a breakdown. Israel has claimed US\$1,000 million, not as full restitution, but as a practical measure of compensation. It is the estimated cost of the resettlement of the Jews. The amount offered by the West German Cabinet was a little over two-thirds of this. This, it is argued, represents the real cost of resettlement, and in any case the debt to the Jews must be considered together with Germany's other external debts, which are the subject of another conference. It is agreed by third parties that Germany may well be unable to pay the full amount demanded by the Jews. The German Government has called its "obligation to make moral and material amends" to the Jews with its commercial and other foreign debts. It is criticised as less than generous. But both parties have shown courage in taking on these negotiations and it would be a great pity if the goodwill shown by both sides goes for nothing.

PITCHED BATTLE AT KOJE

IS. CAMP 30 Reds, One GI Killed PRISONERS USE SPEARS

Koje Island, June 10.

American paratroopers stormed the notorious Compound-76 this morning, killed at least 30 fanatic prisoners in a wild pitched battle, captured the kidnapers of Brigadier-General Francis Dodd and herded its 6,400 inmates into new compounds. One paratrooper was killed and 14 were wounded.

Eighty-four prisoners and 13 American soldiers were injured.

The Camp Commandant, Brigadier-Gen. Haydon Boatner, said he believed the prisoner resistance was broken at 7 a.m., one hour and a half after 1,000 tank-supported American paratroopers in full battle gear entered the compound.

The defiant Communists who have been illegally building up a stockpile of crude hand-made weapons were dug in in trenches and battled UN raiders with spears.

United Nations soldiers flanked by tanks and armoured cars swept into the compound firing flame-throwers, tear gas and rifle grenades.

They moved in after Gen. Boatner gave the Red compound leader, Lee Hak-hoo, an ultimatum to assemble the prisoners in the compound centre or face forcible action. Fifteen minutes after the deadline, Gen. Boatner gave the order to start the raid.

American soldiers wearing full battle kit moved into the compound to begin Gen. Boatner's campaign to split 6,400 prisoners up into smaller and more manageable groups. When the Reds refused to obey his order to assemble the prisoners peacefully, Gen. Boatner barked out the attack order to 1,000 veteran paratroopers of the 10th Regimental Combat Team.

Fanatical Reds who dug trenches as the UN troops drilled outside their compound in preparation for the drive defiantly faced the bristling array of the Allied mechanised force.

After 40 minutes of battle, some 1,500 POWs in groups of 150 have been moved to a nearby newly organised compound.

KILL EACH OTHER

Gen. Boatner said some of the Red leaders killed their own fellow prisoners with spears when they tried to surrender.

Compound-76, "headquarters" for leaders of the insurgent Reds throughout the island, was the same one whose prisoners captured and held captive the former Koje Commandant, Brigadier-Gen. (now Colonel) Francis Dodd.

Gen. Boatner, tough successor to Col. Dodd, had put his men on a standby basis to go into the notorious compound with force if necessary and establish firm control over the turbulent island.

The rugged American general directed the operation personally from a post overlooking the compound. He issued instructions to the Reds over a loudspeaker and when they ignored him, the troops were ordered to march.

Three tanks led the way and 12 more were assembled outside the fence. At the first show of force, some of the Red prisoners broke away from the concrete building inside the compound and ran to the main gate trying to surrender.

"Hot dog, look at them run," Gen. Boatner yelled. "I think we've got them licked."

But the main body of prisoners began massing inside the barracks across the compound and pushing them back at bayonet point, they defiantly sang and shouted.

Prisoners inside the barracks set fire to gasoline and supplies which they had hoarded and a huge pall of black smoke and recurrent explosions rocked the compound. Both sides had made elaborate preparations for an attack.—United Press.

Britain, America And Korea

Acheson To Have Talks In London

London, June 9.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, is going to London for top level talks later this month on Anglo-American differences over the situation in Korea.

A Foreign Office spokesman announced here today that Mr Acheson will interrupt his projected journey to Berlin for two-day talks with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and high ranking officials. The talks will begin about June 25.

The situation in Korea—including Koje prison camp—will, it is understood, occupy top place on an agenda of a broad review of the current international scene.

Britain is increasingly worried over the future of the armistice talks in Panmunjom and the latest moves of President Syngman Rhee against opposition in his own camp.

GROWING CONCERN

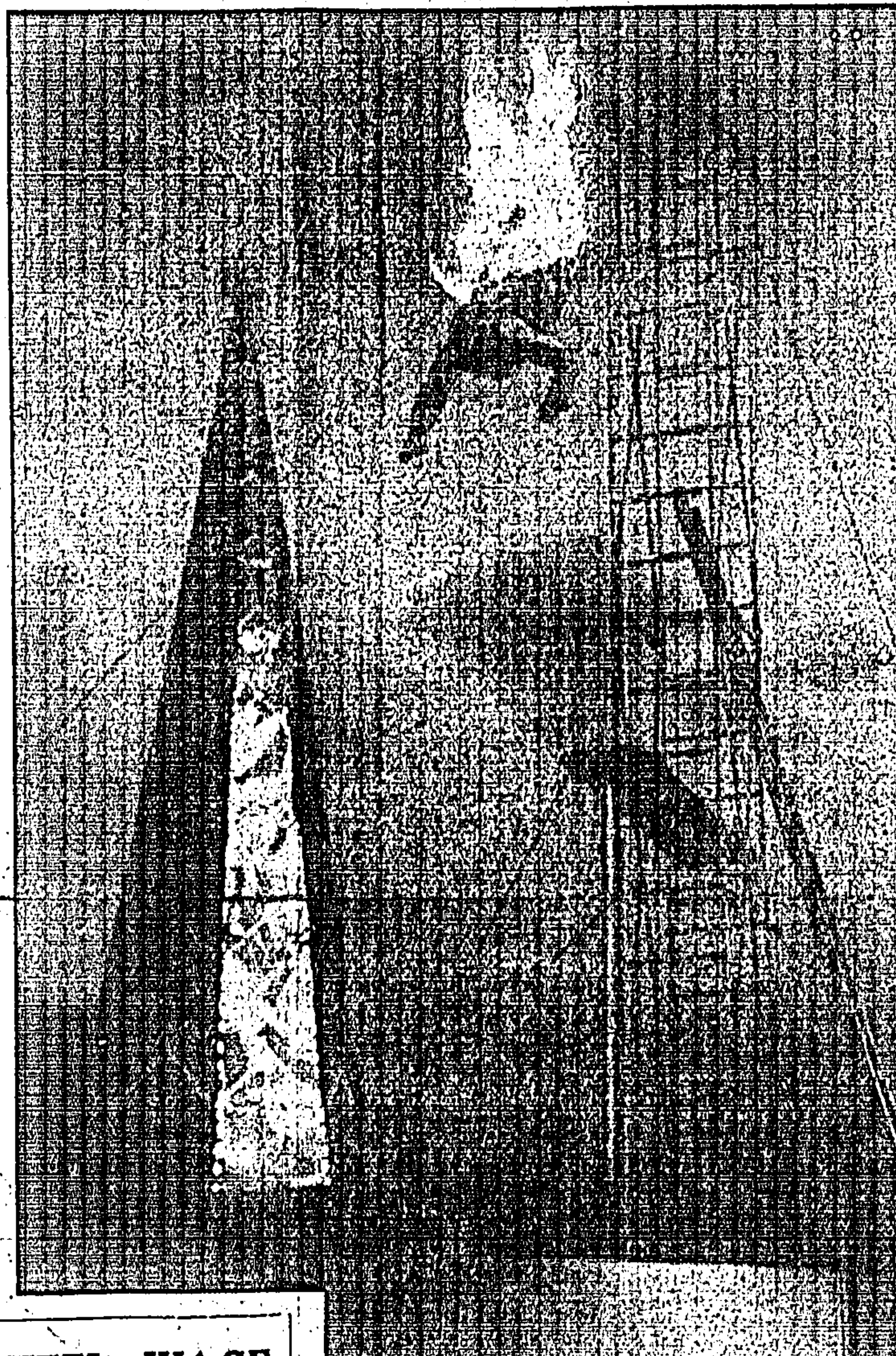
Mr Acheson and Mr Eden met earlier this month in Bonn for the signing of the treaty with the Federal German Republic and later had a brief discussion chiefly on European and Middle Eastern problems. This was in Paris on the occasion of the signing of the six-nation European Defence Community treaty.

Since then, the British Government has shown growing concern over developments in Korea, and the Far East in general. This has resulted in the decision of the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, to send the Defence Minister, Field-Marshal Lord Alexander, and the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, to the scene.

British Press reports today claimed the raising of new and powerful force on the North Korean front which officials have so far been unable to confirm or deny, while week-end reports state that Syngman Rhee had rebuffed Britain's representation against his movement to allow opposition.—United Press.

JUMP!

Camera catches the man who says he will retire at 40...



STEEL WAGE TALKS FAIL

Washington, June 9.

The steel wage talks collapsed abruptly tonight and the CIO President, Philip Murray, announced that the weeklong strike would continue.

Mr John Steelman, assistant to President Truman, said the two sides were "completely deadlocked" after five days of negotiations that had produced widespread hopes for an end to the six-month-old contract dispute.

The deadlock resulted largely from the steel industry's refusal to grant union demands for union shop.

Mr Murray issued a statement saying his union had assured the government of its co-operation "assuring production of military equipment" essential to our forces engaged in combatting Communist aggression.—United Press.

Grave Textile Unemployment

London, June 9.

Unemployment in Britain's hard-hit textile industry last month rose to more than 100,000, one in every six workers, the Ministry of Labour announced tonight.

The textile mills are facing their biggest post-war slump because foreign buyers have cancelled orders and Britons have cut their spending.

Unemployment in all industries was 407,000, a drop of 400 on the previous month, and affected 2.2 per cent of the working population. Of these, 137,000 were without work for more than eight weeks.—Reuter.

GOING, GOING... A blaring man leaps from a height of 80ft into a tank of water 6ft deep... and provides a cameraman with a sensational action shot.

That is how Stan Bonds, now making a three-shows-a-night appearance at the Battersea Pleasure Gardens, earns his living.

But one night last week there was no second leap. He had strained his back and retired in intense pain.

Stunt-man Bonds is 31; hopes to go on around 40 to 45.

And now in the picture below. Hold everything!—he is getting closer, closer to the tank and that dramatic swish.



Storm Ruins Millions Of Banana Trees

Guatemala City, June 9.

A tropical storm that hit Guatemala's Pacific coast yesterday has left millions of banana trees ruined and the ports of San Jose and Champerico battered, it was reported today.

The United Fruit Company, similar storm last September, has lost 600,000 banana trees on one plantation alone, all that remained after millions of trees were destroyed in a loss of life is reported.—Reuter.

Mercy Plane Fails In Its Mission

Port Guernsey, June 9.
An eight-year-old boy, John Nicholas, died in hospital here today after a plane had failed to break through dense fog to get serum to him.

A British European Airways plane, with 10 passengers aboard, circled Guernsey airport for half an hour before the pilot decided that the passengers' lives would be endangered if he tried to land.

The boy, suffering from lock-jaw, died just as the weather began to clear.

The plane carried a supply of a special type of serum from London.—Reuter.

British Authorities Lift Siege In Berlin

Berlin, June 9.

British authorities today told Soviet officials in East Berlin they intend to remove the barbed wire barrier around the Soviet-controlled Radio Berlin, in the British sector.

At the same time they said that as from June 12, Germans wishing to enter the building must show passes to be issued by the West Berlin authorities.

The British Commandant in Berlin, Major-General Cyril F. C. Coleman, informed his Soviet opposite number, Mr Sergei Dengin, of the British decision in a note sent to him this afternoon.

The week-old ban on entering the building is expected to be lifted on Tuesday morning.

General Coleman wrote to Mr Dengin that he had noted the withdrawal of Soviet interference in Elskeller, one of the disputed enclaves which British officials claim is within their sector.

Daring Flight To Save Victim Of Meningitis

Goose Bay, Labrador, June 9.

Doctors operated today to save the life of a delirious spinal meningitis victim flown out of Sagreik Bay in what the Air Force called "one of the biggest gambles ever taken in Northern flying."

A flying boat, declared "temporarily unserviceable" because of mechanical defects, spluttered over 400 miles of cold barren marshland, landed on the only open patch of water in Sagreik Bay and flew back in darkness to complete the mercy mission.

An Air Force spokesman said that the flight was dogged by all the bad breaks possible.

The unidentified spinal meningitis patient was rushed back to a United States Air Force hospital here. Doctors said that his condition was "critical."

Residents of Sagreik Bay, 400 miles north-west of here, sent out distress calls on behalf of the patient on Thursday. The mercy flight was delayed until Saturday because of "impossible" landing conditions.

Flight Lieutenant James Barlow, Royal Air Force Exchange pilot, born in Ireland's County Down, decided on Saturday that the flight could be delayed no longer.

The fliers hurried the lumbering plane over marshland and set down before dusk. Darkness closed in as they picked up the patient.

High hills ringing the bay and floating ice almost prevented a take-off but Flight Lieutenant Barlow and his mates decided that they could not wait.

They got airborne by means of JATO take-off equipment which operates on the principle of jet propulsion but which is considered extremely hazardous when attempted in darkness.—United Press.

ARTICLE QUOTED

He also assumed, on the basis of an article printed last Saturday in the Soviet-controlled newspaper Tagesschau, that the Soviet authorities no longer intended to impede free travel between the various enclaves around the Western sector's perimeter and the city proper.

The article, which was taken by British officials to be inspired by the Soviet Control Mission, said that "Nobody is planning an attack on these enclaves. The inhabitants have every opportunity to pass unhindered over the city boundary of Berlin to West Berlin."

Russian soldiers who guarded East Berlin Radio will not have to present passes on entering the building under the British regulation. But all Germans entering the building will have to do so. Passes will be issued by West Berlin city authorities.

When the barbed wire lanes are lifted, on Tuesday, British troops and military police will also be withdrawn. West Berlin police will take over the job of checking the passes of Germans entering the building.—Reuter.

IN SOVIET HANDS

Berlin, June 9.

The Soviets are holding more than 100 Americans and Britons, including many soldiers, in a special community in East Germany, it was reported here today.

The "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity", a West Berlin organisation devoted to gathering information about East Germany, said the Soviets had established the community in Bautzen in the southeastern tip of the Soviet Zone near the Czech border. The group said many of the men were soldiers who had deserted from the British and American armies.—United Press.

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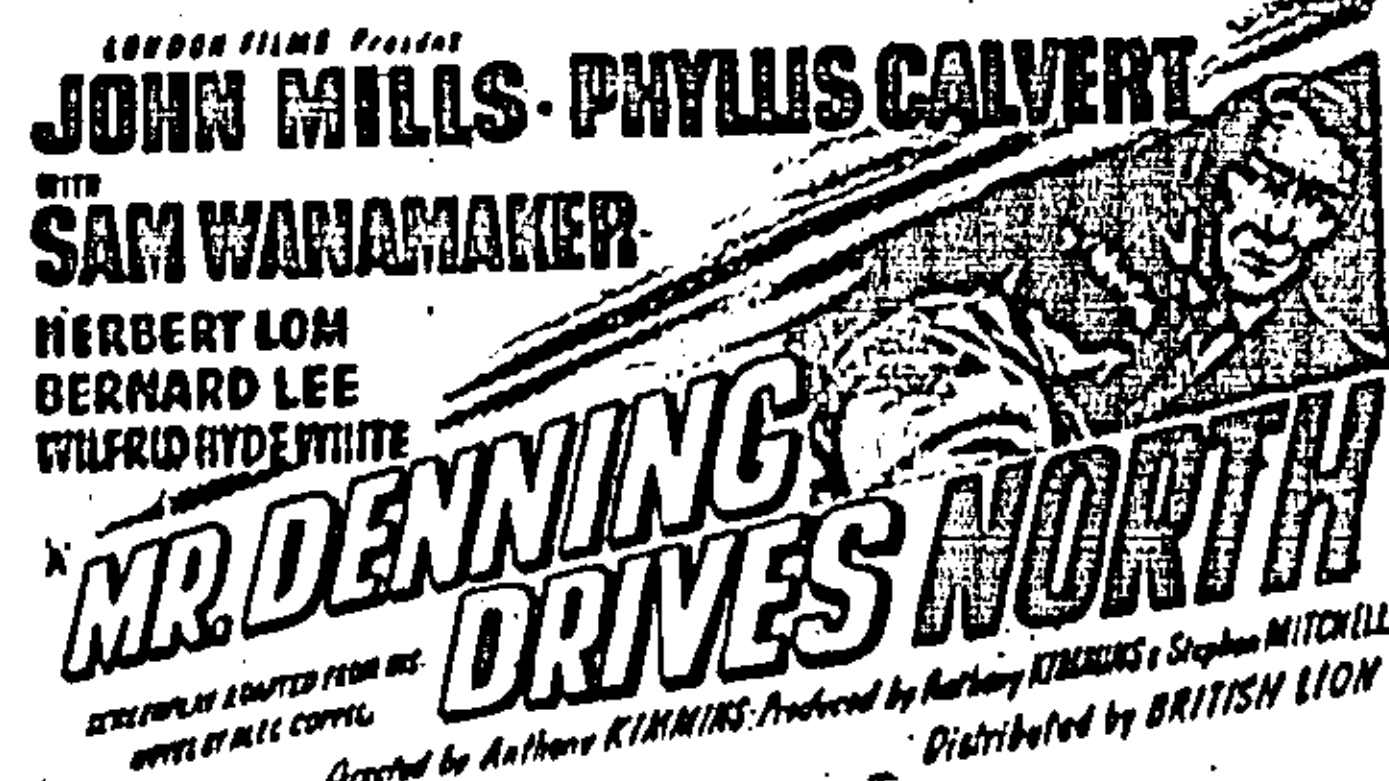
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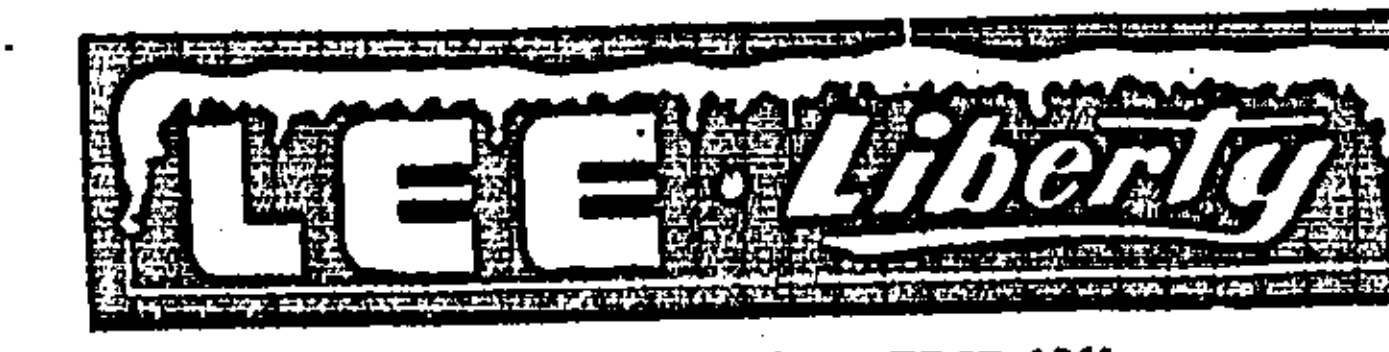
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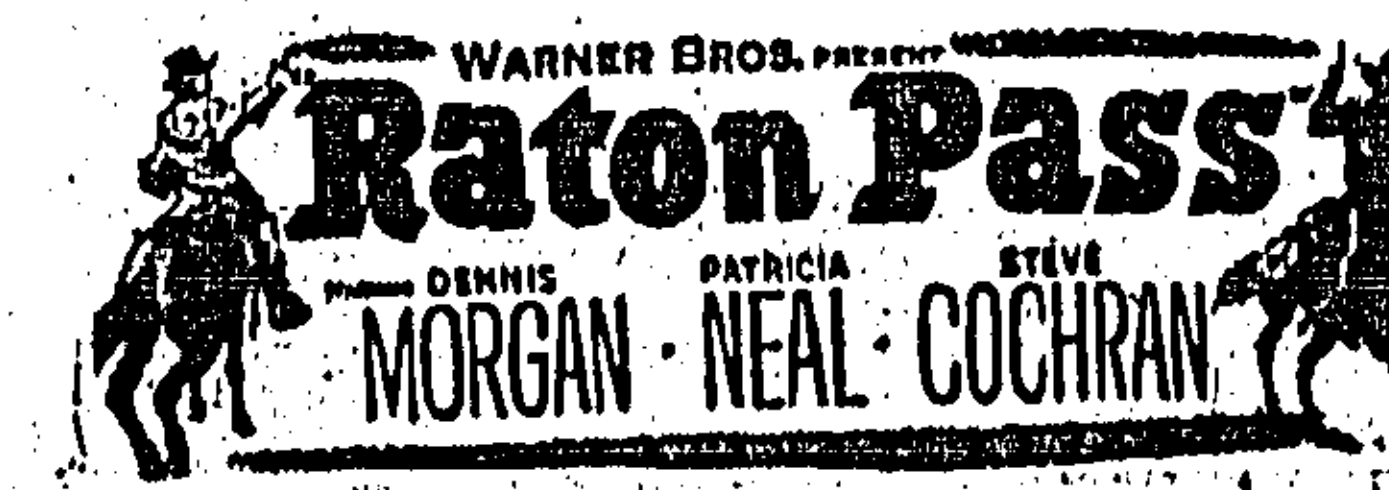


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"One Foot In Heaven"

Wellington, June 9.
A new community centre in a Wellington suburb will be officially opened seven times to show the uses to which it can be put.
In the church part of the centre a film will be screened the night before a church is dedicated for worship.
The film? "One Foot In Heaven."

Migration Scheme For Malta

London, June 9.
Malta—Britain's great naval base in the Mediterranean—wants Britain to help pay part of the costs for shipping her surplus population to Australia and North America.

Her population of 315,000 increases by 8,000 each year.
Malta's Prime Minister, Dr. Borge Olivier, is in London to suggest that in the next five years at least 50,000 Maltese should be helped by the British Government to find home and work overseas.

He told Reuters today that he was hopeful as to the outcome of the talks.
It was beyond Malta's means to send out as many as 50,000 a year, he stated.

Shipping was blocked because Italy was ready to pay as much as £140 passage money. "That is quite beyond our means,"

"Malta would like to be represented on the provisional inter-governmental committee for the movement of migrants from Europe. As we are only a colony, however, we can only be represented by Britain," Dr. Olivier said.

Membership costs £75,000 a year. If Britain would agree to pay that sum Malta should be assured of every possible help from countries that want settlers, he added.—Reuters.

Conference Of Railwaymen

Stockholm, June 9.
About 200 delegates from 17 countries attended the opening of the international railwaymen's three-day Congress here today.

Its agenda includes security arrangements at railway crossings.
Among the delegates are M. Delahy of Belgium, the Chairman, Ernest Solleder, Director-General of the Austrian Railways, Jose de Aguilera, Director-General of the Spanish Railways, Hugo Geschwind, President of the Swiss Railways, and P. de Hollander, Director-General of the Dutch railways.—Reuters.

Segregation Issue To Be Reviewed

Washington, June 9.
The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether States may require separate schools for White and Negro children.

The High Bench accepted for review at its next term two cases challenging segregated school systems in Topeka, Kansas, and Clarendon County, South Carolina.

The issue, a hot one in the South, is not likely to be decided before the November elections because the arguments will not be heard until mid-October.

Governor James Byrnes of South Carolina, a former Supreme Court Justice, said that his State may do away with its public school system altogether if Negro parents won their fight to outlaw segregation.

Both of the cases were started by Negro parent groups supported by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

They contend that segregation is the badge of inequality and denies their children "equal protection of law" guaranteed in the Constitution.
The Court has withheld action in the Topeka appeal for the past six months apparently until the South Carolina case had cleared the lower court for the second time.
On instructions from the High Bench, a special three-judge court in Charleston has been re-considering the situation in Clarendon County. In its second opinion the lower court found that by next autumn school facilities in the county would

REPUBLICAN SENATOR'S ALLEGATION OF TRADE WITH THE COMMUNISTS

Washington, June 9.
Senator James Kem (Republican, Missouri) alleged in the Senate today that Communist guns and tanks used against American troops in Korea were operating on British rubber.

He repeated charges, which he has frequently made, that Britain was continuing to sell strategic materials, including rubber, to Communist countries, and said that this "shocking trade" must be halted.

Senator Kem was opening the Senate's debate on the compromise \$6,447,730,750 Foreign Aid Bill approved by a joint Senate-House of Representatives conference committee last week.

Senator Kem was the author of an amendment to the original Senate version of the Bill which would cut off aid to countries which sold strategic materials to the Soviet bloc.
This amendment was deleted in the conference committee's compromise Bill.

RUSSIANS PROTEST IN GERMANY

Berlin, June 9.
The Soviet Army in Germany tonight protested to the British military authorities against the "foreboding kidnapping" of two East German policemen by West German police, the East German news agency ADN reported.

The agency said the two policemen had been abducted on May 23 at Gardolegen, East Germany, about 40 miles north of Helmstedt, and taken into the British zone.

ADN quoted a letter written by Major-General Trusov, Soviet Acting Chief of Staff, to the British Deputy Chief of Staff demanding the release of the two policemen and payment of an indemnity. The amount was not stated.

The letter said, according to ADN, that an enquiry had shown the two policemen had been fired at while on duty and been overpowered by West German police, who had "penetrated into the territory of the (East) German Democratic Republic."

"Cartridge cases and blood-stained bandages found at the place in question proved that one of the People's Police had been wounded," it said.—Reuters.

Exports To Australia

London, June 9.
British exports to Australia had risen from £76,000,000 in 1948-49 to £357,000,000 in 1950-51, it was announced today.

Import controls were necessary to save enough of Australia's balances to cover at any time at least a prudent proportion of her annual trading.
This was needed because drought, fires and floods and world prices for wool, wheat and the like are not predictable.—Reuters.

Definition

Washington, June 9.
Down in Texas, they now speak of "rich millionaires" and "poor millionaires."
Definition of a "poor millionaire"—a man who owns only one private plane.

Anti-Huk Campaign Burden On Philippines

San Francisco, June 9.
The campaign against the Huk has cost the Philippines Government 168,000,000 pesos exclusive of United States aid and of lives, the Philippines Secretary of National Defence, Mr. Ramon Magsaysay, said at a Press conference on his arrival here yesterday.

"The first thing we know and use is force," the second is fellowship. Only in this way are we going to break down this Communism. Without peace and order in my country democracy cannot function. Two years ago the Huk almost overthrew our Government. Now, only 5,000 are still bearing arms," Mr. Magsaysay declared.

He described one of the most important accomplishments of his Department as breaking the back of the Huk and the wily big back of civilian confidence in the Government.

The rehabilitation of captured Huk showed to other Huk that they did not have to fight for the things they can have legally, the Defence Secretary said.

Mr. Magsaysay also said that his Government planned to bring murder, arson and rape charges against William Pomerooy and his Filipina wife who were captured recently.

Pomerooy is a former United States Air Force sergeant who became a leader of the Communists in the Philippines.

Answering a question, Mr. Magsaysay said that there were three Americans at present with the Huk, but they were in the lower echelons. He did not give their names.—United Press.

Currency Change-Over In Israel

Tel-Aviv, June 9.
As Israel's big currency change-over began today, Treasury officials said that it will take several weeks to turn more than 100,000,000 old notes into new ones in special ovens in Jerusalem.

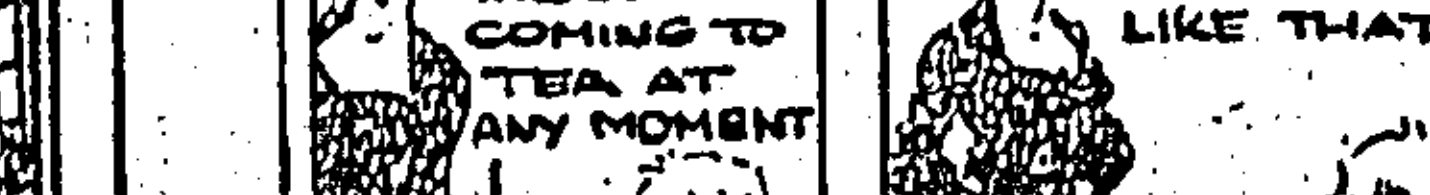
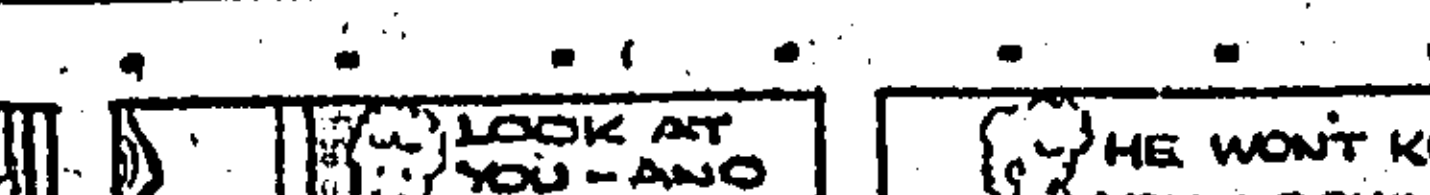
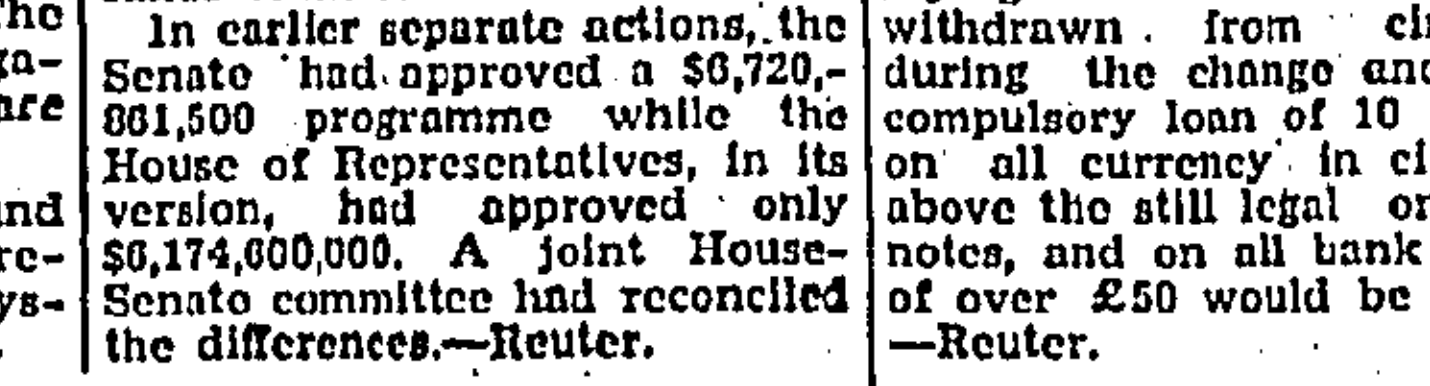
Small queues formed at banks here as the exchange of old notes for new began at noon.

Merchants refused to accept Israeli notes for five, 10 and 50 pounds as no longer legal tender.

A usually well-informed source said today that the Government will shortly table a bill for a property tax of about one per cent.

The Finance Minister broadcast to the nation last night, saying that the notes would be withdrawn from circulation during the change and that a compulsory loan of 10 per cent on all currency in circulation above the still legal one-pound notes, and on all bank deposits of over \$50 would be imposed.—Reuters.

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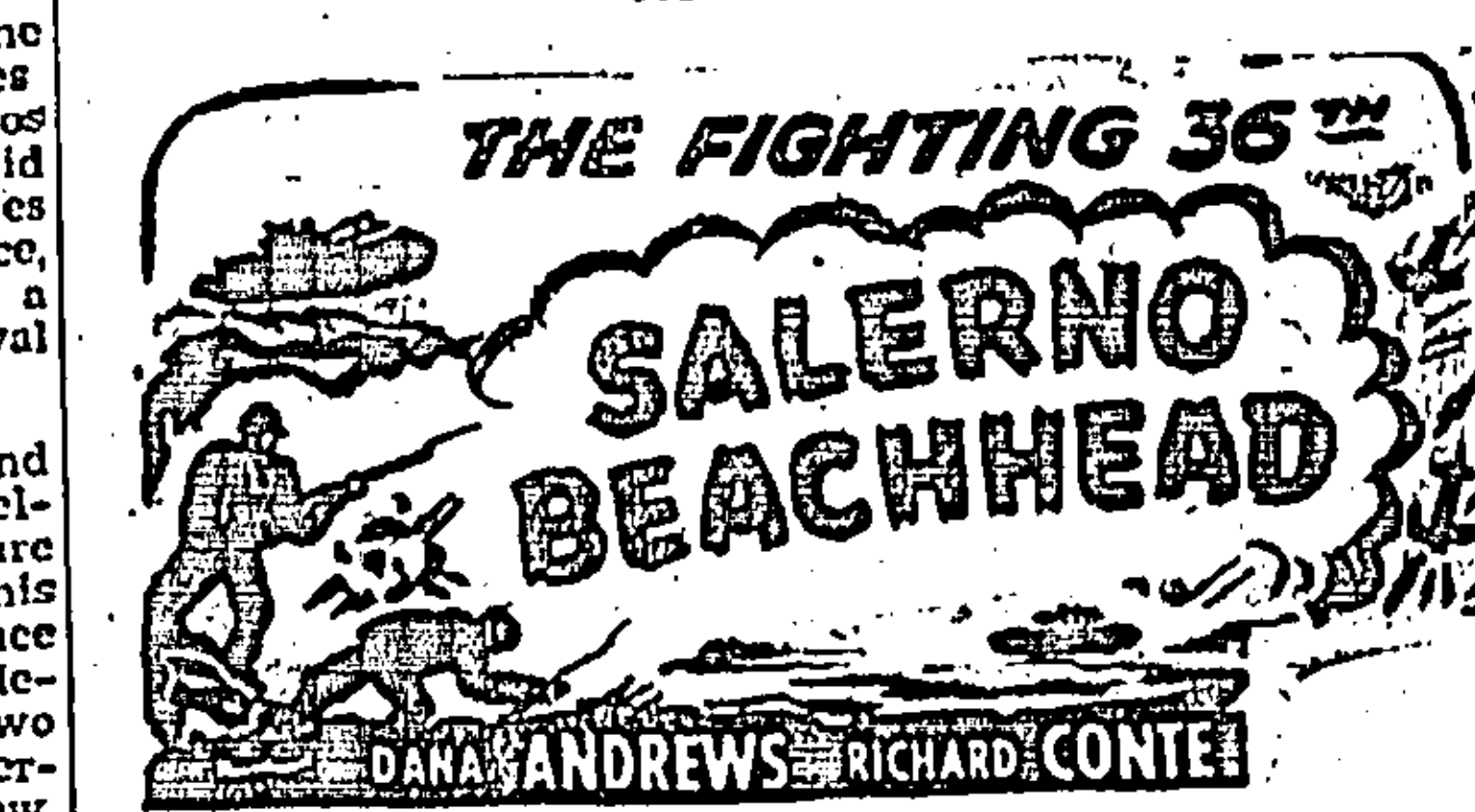
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BRITAIN REVIEWING THE ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

World Court Verdict On Oil Dispute Anxiously Awaited

London, June 9.

Britain is to have a "big think" about the Middle East which is at present viewed from a wider aspect than the Anglo-Egyptian dispute and which may assume a much uglier aspect if the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute goes against Britain at The Hague, an official source said today.

The source said that Britain's Middle East policy must at present be viewed as part of the Western nations' policy of containment of Russia and not simply as a regional affair.

The Western nations have completed two major steps in the containment of Russia by signing the Japanese and German treaties and it is essential now that attention be given to "gaps" in the Middle East and South-East Asia, the official said.

The Middle East would be discussed from this point of view during the conference here today between the United States Under-Secretary for Middle East Affairs, Mr. Henry Byrnes, and Middle East Department officials of the Foreign Office.

The Anglo-Egyptian dispute would no longer be considered the "be all and the end all" of Middle East affairs and the whole situation would have to be considered in the light of whatever decision the International Court at The Hague takes in the Anglo-Iranian oil case.

If the case goes against Britain it appears almost certain that other Middle Eastern countries will take a leaf out of Iran's book and make similar moves, the official said.

On the Anglo-Egyptian question he said that Britain would stand by any agreement reached at the Alexandria talks between the Egyptian Government and the Sudanese delegation.

"But again it is a question for the Western Powers," he added. "Britain certainly would agree to any understanding acceptable to both Egypt and the Sudan, but this would involve only one headache. There is the question of collaboration and co-operation among other Arab States."

GRADUAL PROCESS

The official recalled that the three Western Powers had approached the Middle East question step by step and had offered everything possible to ensure the security of the whole area. In 1950 there was a three-Power declaration for the preservation of the status quo in the Middle East, and in 1951 there was the four-Power proposal for an international defence organisation offering Egypt equal partnership.

"We have done everything and now we must have a big think and decide what other means we can adopt of bringing about the collaboration of the entire Middle East in an overall policy of containing Soviet aggression," the official said.

It was pointed out that in addition to the Byrnes consultations Britain is calling a meeting of all its diplomatic

representatives in the Middle East in London next week and that a similar meeting of French diplomats is being held in Turkey.

To complete the round of coming and goings, Turkey's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister have been invited to consultations in London.

"It is not difficult to see that the Anglo-Egyptian dispute is only part of one big problem which must receive the Western Powers' immediate attention just as South-East Asia must be taken into account," the official said.

SOLUTION NEAR?
From the military aspect, the official said that the Anglo-Egyptian problem appeared to be in sight of solution and there is a change in Britain's policy of agreeing to evacuate the Suez Canal Zone in return for Egypt's co-operation in unilateral defence projects.

There is, however, no official comment on reports that Britain has already decided to abandon the Suez Canal Zone as a strategic waterway in a global war.

Persistent reports were received over the week-end that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, after talks with the British Government, had ordered an Australian fighter wing destined for Suez to be diverted to Malaya.

It is generally believed among quarters dealing with Middle East affairs that it has been decided that in the event of Egypt not agreeing to take part in multilateral defence arrangements, the Western Powers' defence forces could be deployed in alternative strategic bases including Alexandria, Cyprus, Libya and possibly Syria.

TALKS AT END

Cairo, June 9.
—Talks over the future relations between Egypt and the Sudan, which began in Alexandria on May 31, between a five-man Sudanese Mahdist (Independence) delegation and the Egyptian Government, ended today without any results being announced.

The delegation, headed by El Sayed Abdullah el Fadel el Mahdi, will leave for Khartoum by air tomorrow to report to Sir Abdel Rahman el Mahdi Pasha, spiritual head of the influential Mahdist religious sect the Sudan and leader of the Umma Party—the Sudan's main political group working for independence.

They will inform him of the exchange of views they have had with the Egyptian Premier, Naguib el Hilali Pasha, and members of his Government.

After a preliminary talk when the delegation arrived, Hilali Pasha said that both sides had "exchanged points of view in a very encouraging atmosphere." But last Friday Sayed Abdullah el Fadel said, "There is still a long way ahead for an understanding to be reached."

The talks were aimed at reconciling differences between King Farouk's claim to be recognised as King of the Sudan and the Sudanese desire for self-determination.

EGYPTIAN ATTITUDE
According to informed political quarters here, the Egyptians in asserting the position of the joint crown, are not attempting to compel the Sudanese to accept permanent unity with Egypt, but to counter alleged British manoeuvres which they say tend to divide Egypt and the Sudan.

"The unity of Egypt and the Sudan was desired to be a source of strength to both countries," wrote the newspaper Akhbar El Yom, which is in close touch with the Egyptian Government.

The talks also covered cultural and economic fields, particularly the question of the waters of the River Nile.

Abdel Rahman Aly Taha, Sudanese Minister of Education and a member of the Mahdist delegation, said at a Press conference at the end of the talks, "We have completed an exchange of views on all points. An atmosphere of friendship and mutual trust prevailed throughout."

The paper Al Zamana quoted a member of the Sudanese dele-

gation today as saying, "We have come to the conclusion that whatever the result of the talks, it is imperative that there should be economic and cultural unity between Egypt and the Sudan."

NATIONALIST STAND
The talks between the Egyptian Premier, Hilali Pasha, and the Sudanese delegation have aroused anger and dissatisfaction among the pro-Egyptian Ashiglar Party of the Sudan, Mohamed Nur el Din Bey, an Ashiglar Party leader, expressed his disappointment that the Party had been kept in the dark about the recent Alexandria talks.

Meanwhile, Dardiri Mohamed Osman, leader of the Sudan pro-Egyptian Nationalist bloc, said today that his Party would soon organise "our own struggle for unity of the Nile Valley."

Osman, who has just left Cairo for Khartoum, said before leaving that his Party (the major wing of the pro-unity Ashiglar) was "pained and surprised" at the Egyptian Government's negotiations with the pro-independence Umma Party delegation, which ended tonight.

Some reports said that these negotiations ended inconclusively. Osman said that his Party would not recognise any agreement or understanding between the Egyptian Government and the Umma Party delegates on the political future of the Sudan.

The nationalist bloc's "struggle" would be based on a continued boycott of the new Sudan Constitution and the present Administration at Khartoum, he added.—Reuter.

INDIA MAY PROTEST TO RUSSIA

Restrictions On Diplomats

New Delhi, June 9.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, told Parliament today that the Soviet Government had included Indian diplomats in restrictions on the movements of foreign diplomats in Moscow, and hinted that India might protest or take action to restrict Soviet diplomats in India.

He told a questioner that there were a number of restrictions on the movement of foreigners, including India's diplomatic staff, in the Soviet Union, and that some Soviet provinces and towns prohibited the entry of foreigners altogether.

Travel outside a 25-mile radius of Moscow was permitted only after an advance request to do so, Mr. Nehru said.

Asked whether Soviet diplomats in India were in any way restricted, Mr. Nehru said that no such action had been taken. He understood that Britain and the United States had taken reciprocal action.

TRADE DEAL ANNOUNCED
Berlin, June 9.
A group of British businessmen, including a Left-wing Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Sydney Silverman, announced here tonight that they have made agreements to sell £2,500,000 worth of textiles and chemicals to Communist China.

This follows negotiations with a Chinese trade delegation in East Berlin.

A joint statement issued by the British and Chinese representatives said that negotiations began on Saturday to implement the trade agreement reached between the British and Chinese delegates to the recent economic conference in Moscow.—Reuter.

Looking For A Play



Italian actress Anna Procter arrives in London on the Golden Arrow train from Paris with the idea of finding a play for her London debut. She would like something classical. "But it must be suitable for my accent," she said. "I wouldn't dare to play Shakespeare."—Express Photo.

Fierce Quarrels Going On In Republican Camp Fight For Uncommitted Delegates

New York, June 9.

With only 13 of 1,206 delegates to the Republican National Convention still to be selected, the rival camps of Senator Robert Taft and General Eisenhower are intensifying their appeals to those uncommitted to either contender.

An official estimate of committed delegates gives Senator Taft 462 and General Eisenhower 390, 180 for other aspirants and 211 uncommitted or in dispute.

Three Republican delegates will be picked in Puerto Rico on June 15 and the final 10 in Illinois on June 23.

The Illinois delegates are expected to be committed to Senator Taft.

A tabulation of committed delegates to the Democratic National Convention shows 246 for Senator Kefauver, 80½ for Senator Russell, and 85½ for Mr. Averell Harriman.

General Eisenhower is to spend most of this week seeking delegates from the Eastern seaboard States. Most of them are already committed to him. One Eastern delegation causing his camp concern is Delaware's. The 12 delegates were chosen by a State convention with half in favor of Senator Taft, four to General Eisenhower and two unpledged.

The Delaware delegation is typical of those split between General Eisenhower and Senator Taft or deliberately unpledged to give their leaders time for bargaining either before or at the national convention.

FIERCE QUARRELS
Rival delegations have been chosen by conventions in about six States and fierce quarrels are in progress in most of these States.

The contested delegations are estimated to carry 125 votes.

The present battle could, therefore, mean victory for Senator Taft or General Eisenhower. Its result will also be important in influencing "uncommitted" votes.

NEW PIPELINE FOR IRAQ

London, June 10.

The Basrah Petroleum Company has ordered an 80-mile long 24-inch steel pipe line from the South Durham Steel and Iron Company at a cost of £200,000.

The pipe is to be laid next year from the Zudair oilfields, which began production last December, across the South Iraq desert to the port of Basrah near Basrah, on the Persian Gulf. It will weigh 17,000 tons.

The Basrah Company is an associate of the Iraq Petroleum Co.—Reuter.

Queen Zain 'Vanishes' With Children In Switzerland Dramatic Turn In Jordanian Crisis

Geneva, June 9.

Usually reliable sources in Geneva stated today that Queen Zain of Jordan, with her children, is in hiding in Switzerland from her husband, King Talal, said to be mentally ill.

With her is the 17-year-old Crown Prince Hussein, who obtained special leave from Harrow School in England to see his father in Paris last week. He went on to his mother in Lausanne and vanished with her on Friday.

According to reports here, the Queen placed herself and her children under the protection of the Swiss police when the 41-year-old King contemplated joining her in Lausanne last Saturday.

These reports indicate that the Queen and the Crown Prince, who left their Lausanne hotel on Friday evening by taxi, are still somewhere near the Lake of Geneva to avoid the King, but the Vaud Cantonal police deny knowing anything about them.

The chauffeur who drove the taxi has refused to say where he took them. They left the hotel about 20 minutes before the Rome Express left. Lausanne, a circumstance which gave rise to rumours that the Queen had gone to Italy.

King Talal himself is now in Lausanne but the strictest secrecy is being maintained in Switzerland over the ailing King's search for the Queen. His aide-de-camp, Major Jarrah, stopped in Rome only to change planes on his flight from Geneva to Beirut last night.

PRINCE'S MISSION

A Rome report today said Prince Nassir of Jordan passed through Rome last night on his way from Damascus to Geneva. He said he was going to meet important personages in Switzerland.

Queen Zain married King Talal in November, 1934 and has three sons and a daughter. She is a daughter of King Talal's maternal uncle, the late Emir Jamil bin Nasser.

She went to Switzerland early this month with the Princes Mohamed and Hussein and the Princess Janil. The Crown Prince, who joined her on Friday, will come of age next May.

King Talal's health is said to have deteriorated since he succeeded his murdered father, King Abdullah, on the Throne of Jordan. It is known that he does not share some of the political interests of his father who was assassinated while the Heir Apparent was in Europe for health reasons.

REGENCY COUNCIL

The ailing King went to Paris last month for medical treatment. After he reached Paris a three-man Regency Council was created to govern his kingdom and the Cabinet decided that he should be under medical supervision.

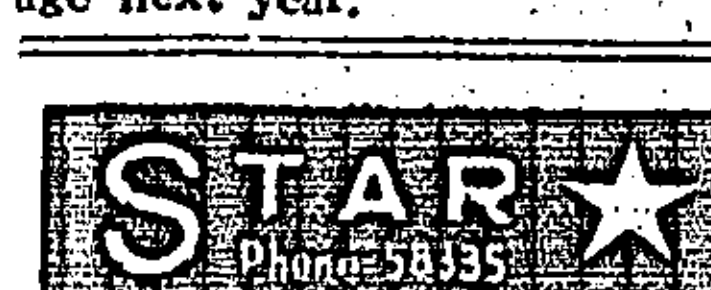
(Jordan's Prime Minister telegraphed him last week saying that if medical supervision were not possible in Paris he should return to Jordan and take steps

to secure such supervision. The Premier assured King Talal of the Government and the nation's loyalty. King Talal wired back saying he was on his way to Jordan and still regarded himself as on leave till his illness was cured.

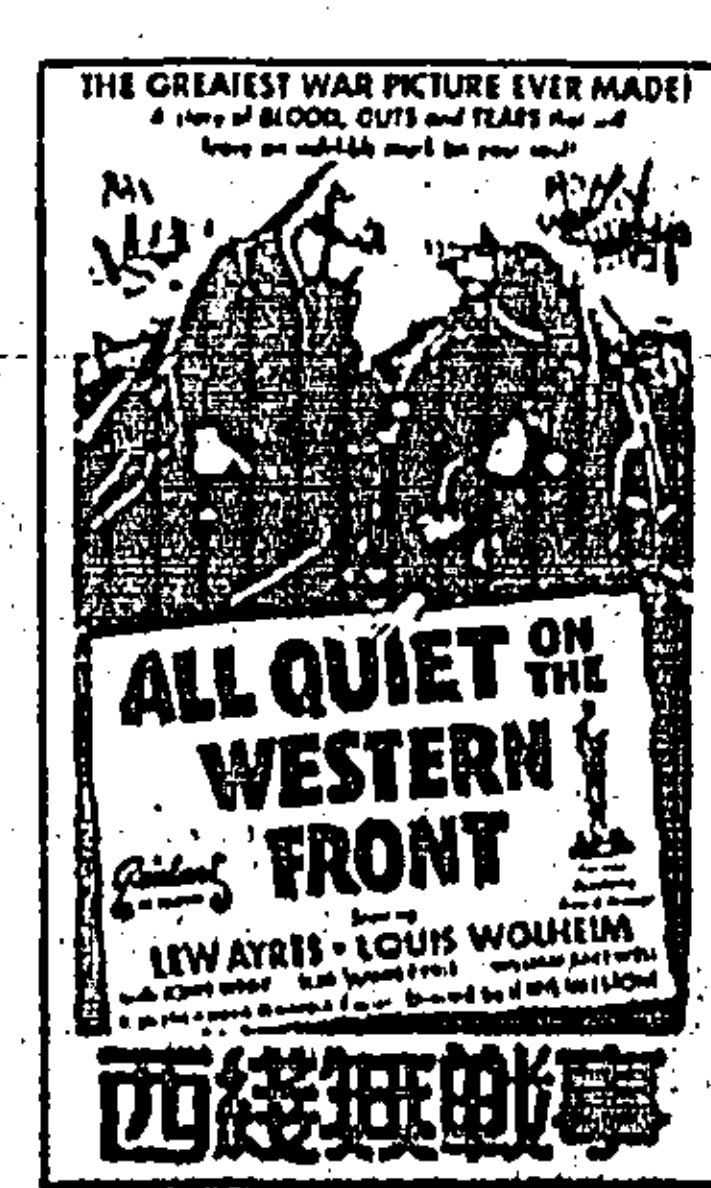
(On June 5 the Prime Minister pledged the Government and the nation's loyalty to the King—and to his successor "if a cure comes late or is impossible.")

(Emir Abdul Ilah, Regent of Iraq, went to Jordan last week and on his return to Baghdad said he had been there to watch over the interests of the Hashemite family to which he and King Talal belong).—Reuter.

United Press says that a British official in London asked about the confused picture of the Royal succession in Jordan, had little to say except that it is understood in London that King Talal intended to return to Amman, Jordan's capital, where it would be decided whether he would continue to rule either directly or through the Regency Council until his son, Prince Hussein, comes of age next year.



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Tame Pheasants

Sydney, June 9.
When guns open fire in the pheasant shooting season just starting on King Island—in Bass Strait between the Australian mainland and Tasmania—sportsmen will be limited to four birds daily or 20 a week, because the pheasants, originally introduced from England are too tame. They are so tame that after a two-year close season, the island policeman was ordered to fire blanks at them from short range to make them stream-conscious before the season opened.

Call For Empire Talks

SUGGESTION BY MR MENZIES

London, June 9.

Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, called tonight for a Commonwealth conference on trade, economic and financial problems.

"The time has come for us as free but closely associated nations in this great British Commonwealth, to go into consultation together, frankly and fully, to improve the lot of all," he declared.

Mr Menzies was addressing a public meeting of the Empire Industries Association and British Empire League.

Mr Menzies said that the choice before the Commonwealth and the Western world was not between a master plan which denied all freedom and a state of anarchy in which all went their several ways without a common purpose.

"The real question is how we reconcile our various individual national ambitions and policies so that the strength of each contributes to the strength of all," he said.

AN ERROR

If the nations of the Commonwealth were to have such comprehensive consultations as he had suggested, then there was no time to lose.

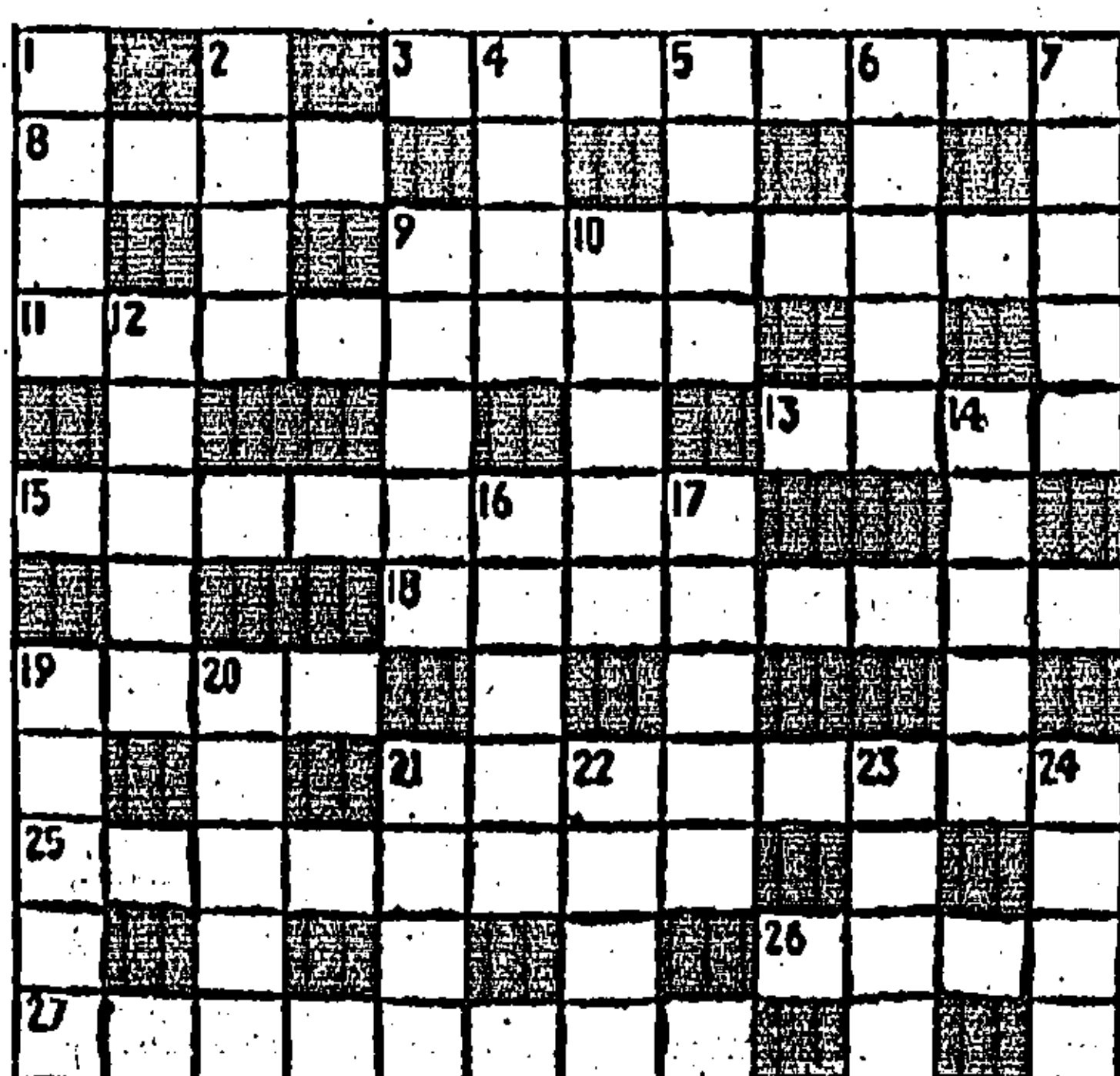
Mr Menzies told his audience of 4,000 that it was an error to think that mutual planning of policies in the Sterling Area was an act of hostility to some other area or group.

"The beneficial strength of the United States arises in no small measure from the unity, both political and economic, of the United States," he said.

"The United States needs a powerful, stable and prosperous British Commonwealth just as much as we need a powerful and prosperous United States."

"And each of them will be weakened to the extent that a free Europe is weak or economically depressed."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS:

- 3 Travel document (6).
- 4 Space (4).
- 9 Set fire (6).
- 11 Balder (6).
- 13 Flocc (4).
- 15 Scorns (6).
- 18 Kept back (8).
- 19 Masculine (4).
- 21 Silphoid (6).
- 25 Lowered (6).
- 26 Rased (4).
- 27 Embrocation (6).

DOWN:

- 1 Stuff (4).
- 2 Impoverished (4).
- 4 Eager (4).
- 5 Prophet (4).
- 6 Spolic (5).
- 7 Tendency (5).
- 8 Sensational (5).
- 10 Cap (5).
- 12 Stadium (5).
- 14 Staggered (5).
- 16 Carrying-chair (5).
- 17 Recused (5).
- 18 Pattern (5).
- 20 Fruit (5).
- 21 Sereno (4).
- 22 Curb (4).
- 23 Way out (4).
- 24 Fat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: — Across: 1 Forbid, 4 Ream, 7 Exposing, 8 Host, 9 H. Cramit, 11 Enticed, 13 Enquire, 15 Ghosts, 16 Amis, 18 Aperture, 20 Sedge, 21 Tartan, Down: 1 Wash, 2 Blown, 3 Drifter, 4 Regret, 5 Advances, 6 Malted, 10 Required, 12 Neglect, 13 Evader, 14 Infant, 16 Outer, 17 Show-

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IN THE BASEMENT of a church hall women undergraduates cross swords.



A princess at Oxford takes up the sword

by PATRICK FORREST

THERE is a hum of children's voices from the main room of St. Philip and St. James Hall, in Leckford Road, Oxford, where infants are being given religious instruction, but below there is a more martial sound—the steady noise of thrust and parry.

Taking fencing instruction in the basement of this hall, several times a week, are 16 women undergraduates of Oxford University.

One of them is 20-year-old Princess Sebel Derta of Ethiopia. She is in her second year at Oxford, and is reading law. Like the other members of the Oxford Ladies' Fencing Club, she is taking lessons as often as she can, hoping to be chosen to fence for the University against Cambridge.

A chance—next year

The girls are not going about their ambition casually. Training them is Mr. Cromarty-Dickson, the Oxford maître d'armes and Olympic coach. "Will they be good enough to fence against Cambridge this year?" asks Mr. Cromarty-Dickson. "No. Definitely not, but they probably will have a good chance of beating them next year."

He watched president Gillian Rackham, of St. Anne's Society, and secretary Catherine Dowling engage each other with a fierceness that belied their looks.

Later Miss Rackham, who is 22 and lives at Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood, Middlesex, and Miss Dowling—aged 20, from Mount Avenue, Ealing—discussed their chances against Cambridge.

"We are getting the best coaching possible and we should stand a fair chance," said Miss Rackham. "We will win," said secretary Dowling.

They told me that each member of the club has forsaken other forms of serious sport to learn the art of fencing—although Miss Dowling has a leaning towards small-bore sailing.

They were enthusiastic about their coach. Mr. Cromarty-Dickson had as a pupil the Crown Prince Olav of Norway (he won his half-blue in 1926), whose daughter, Princess Astrid, is now at Oxford.

Like Princess Sebel of Ethiopia, she is at Lady Margaret Hall, but unlike her, she does not fence.



PRINCESS SEBEL DERTA of Ethiopia learns fencing at Oxford.

case is increasing rapidly because of the new interest in the sport.

"Club membership costs as little as 2s. a week, and that includes lessons from qualified leaders in about 200 areas."

"Fencing is an ideal sport for women. It is the one sport where a woman can be matched on equal terms with a man. In some ways a woman may have advantage over a man opponent because of her natural poise and adroitness."

"It is a sport where physique does not really come into it."

Mr. de Beaumont said that the cost of the sport is not high. According to the number of extra lessons taken it should cost an amateur swordsman or woman between 7 to 12 guineas a year after buying equipment.

The jacket, mask, glove and foil, says Mr. de Beaumont, should cost £12 at the most. "Then, of course, they last for ever," he said.

Mr. de Beaumont told me that extra lessons, which some amateurs wanted for special reasons, cost up to about 10s. each, even from top-ranking coaches.

New Interest

I left President Rackham and Secretary Dowling discussing their plans for team-building. Their thoughts are on Hilary Term next year—when four of the 16 members of the Oxford club will cross foils with four from Cambridge.

And now listen to Mr. C. L. de Beaumont, Olympic swordsman, and secretary of the Amateur Fencing Association, on the upsurge of the sport in this country. At the London Fencing Club he told me: "There are between 7,000 and 8,000 members of the AFA and 350 clubs scattered all over the country. Clubs find that their membership in almost every

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The Koje Island Muddle:

A WAY TO END THE DEADLOCK

By Woodrow Wyatt, M.P.

former Under-Secretary of State for War

DISAGREEMENTS on the terms of the Korean armistice have at last narrowed down to one point. The Chinese Communists demand repatriation of all prisoners irrespective of their wishes.

We, clinging to our age-long right to give refuge to those who may be victimised, refuse the Communist demand.

We must stand on principle—it was to establish the principle of collective resistance to aggression that the United Nations went to war in Korea.

But when we do so we need to be sure of our ground.

There are 20,700 Chinese prisoners of whom 15,000 have refused to be repatriated.

There are 96,000 North Koreans of whom 42,000 refuse to go home; and 16,000 South Koreans, forced into the North Korean armies, of whom 12,200 have declared for remaining in South Korea. Another 27,000 South Korean civilian internees, only 7,000 are willing to go to North Korea.

Prestige Lost

WHATEVER the reasons are for this astonishing situation, Communist prestige throughout the world has suffered a tremendous blow.

The much-vaunted Chinese Communist Republic must be the very reverse of popular with the people if three-quarters of the Chinese prisoners of war—all picked soldiers for the Korean campaign—refuse to go back.

But how many of these Chinese and North Koreans have really based their decision on the fear of victimisation?

We know that political understanding among the masses of China and Korea is not high. We know, too, that awful Communist terrorist regimes are, the general run of the

peasantry usually escape gaoi and execution.

In any case, the prisoners have been told of the amnesty offered by all prisoners whatever their conduct may have been in the camps.

There is no reason to doubt that this offer, because the Communists, for prestige reasons, are bound to do everything they can to hush up outward signs of disaffection amongst returned prisoners.

This situation is not a new one.

When the war ended in 1945 there were many thousands of Poles, Russians and others from Iron Curtain countries, both soldiers and civilians, behind British and American lines as the result of the ebb and flow of war.

Many of them did not want to go home.

Conscious of our moral duty to shelter those liable to persecution we did not force them back. Instead, they were assembled into camps.

Into Camps

WE made an agreement with the Russians under which they were given permission to send repatriation missions into the camps.

Before, during and after the visits of the missions the inmates were told that they would not be compelled to return to their home countries if they were unconvinced by what the missions had to say to them.

The missions continued their work in some cases for years. The Russian repatriation mission in the British Zone of Austria only returned to the Russian Zone last September at the time I myself was paying an official visit there.

As a result of the work of these missions many who were of two minds as to the consequences to have anything to do with the Communists were persuaded to go back.

There is not the slightest evidence that they have suffered by returning.

Their reasons for staying with the British and the Americans had in the main been quite simple and non-political. The food was better than any they had known before.

They had come to feel that outside the Iron Curtain there were better conditions for economic prosperity than in the lands they came from.

On solidly material grounds they preferred what they had seen of the free world to what they knew of the Communist world.

But the free world cannot possibly take in all those millions of people in Communist countries who would find things either over here.

The principle of asylum is to give protection against persecution, not against an uncongenial background.

There can be little doubt that the reluctance of many of the prisoners in United Nations camps to return is founded not on fear, but on choice of the economic circumstances to which they would have to go back.

More Flexible

I believe we have got to be more flexible if we are to save the lives of thousands of United Nations soldiers who will be killed in the renewed fighting if an armistice is not secured.

We cannot condemn our young men to death because we have become confused over our own principles.

This is not to say that any persons with genuine and well-founded fears should be handed over to the Communists. That is a principle from which we cannot abate.

But so far the only suggestion made by the United Nations to arrange badly-wounded Communist prisoners to be repatriated by independent bodies whilst Communist observers are present.

But that is not the same thing as allowing missions (under United Nations supervision) free access to the camps. I would suggest that the Communists now be told that if they will sign an armistice they will be allowed to send missions, as the Russians were, to do their best to persuade their nationals to return.

After the war in Europe, despite the blandishments of the Communist repatriation missions, a hard core held out against returning.

We kept our word not to send them back forcibly and we could give them some guarantee again.

It may be that even this reasonable offer would be refused by the Communist authorities. But it is worth trying to help the Communists over their humiliation in order to bring this war to an end.

Last Of A Series By Charlotte Haldane

The Soviet Theatre: A Romantic Outlet For All

I HAVE many times, in writing and lecturing, tried to tell something about Russian women as I found them, about their work and their homes, their interests and their way of living.

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living conditions. Nothing could be more untrue.

The differences between the living standards of a Hollywood star and an ordinary American working man are almost negligible compared with the differences between a Soviet ballet star and an ordinary Soviet woman worker. The artists live on a scale almost as luxurious as that of a political leader, and often more so than that of a Red Army general and his family, though these exalted personalities also enjoy the same of luxury compared with the standard of the factory worker. Nor do the people seem to begrudge these comforts and pleasures to their entertainers.

A Soviet woman worker would have to save up for a very long time before she could buy a silk dress, or a pair of nylon stockings, or a bottle of perfume, or a box of face powder. But the ballet girls are provided with nylons and perfume and cosmetics in abundance. They live in the most modern and best equipped apartments in Moscow and lack few of the comforts and even the luxuries that are completely unobtainable by the ordinary Russian girl or woman.

This is another clever move by the authorities. For if you cannot enjoy these delights yourself, you, an average woman, when you go to the theatre, can enjoy them vicariously; if you cannot be beautiful and glamorous yourself, you can see other girls who are, and you can share their pleasures, at any rate vicariously, for a few short, exquisite hours. It is obviously much cheaper to satisfy the longings of girls and women for the foreign visitor is the beauty and elegance in this exalted rank of stage ballet and film stars, men as well as women. And as the rewards for the film stars, men as well as women, are so great, that under unattractive Soviet Communism there is a certain degree of equality in

But the taste of the public in Russia is very conservative. None of the Soviet ballets has ever rivalled in popularity "Swan Lake," the great classical ballet set to the exquisite music of Tchaikovsky, which was originally produced for the pleasure of the Tsars and the Court of St. Petersburg, and which, to this day, is performed in Moscow in the traditional style. One might note the famous French saying here: "The more it changes, the more it is the same thing."

And that is true of many other aspects of Soviet life. For example, the next luckiest woman in the Soviet Union, after the ballet star, is the wife of a Red Army general. She is among the few women not obliged to go to work, because her husband's salary is sufficient to enable him to keep her in luxury. She is allowed servants and a nurse for her children.

When I was in Moscow, this luxury in the living standards and privileges enjoyed by a few women was the cause of much grumbling among those who had

year to enter the State ballet

academics. Only very few of these aspirants are chosen. But the judges can select them from among the prettiest and most talented children in the country; and the standards of training are the highest and most gruelling in the world. The young people, however, endure them with a courage bordering on heroism, for each one knows that if he or she fails, there are thousands waiting to step (literally) into his or her ballet shoes.

And there is no doubt that this method does produce the finest dancers in the world. I have seen all the great ballerinas and ballets of the past 20 or 30 years, but none excelled those, headed by the famous Ulanova, whom I saw in Moscow.

Some years ago a Russian woman, Julia de Beaumont, wrote a remarkable autobiography. It was called, "The Woman Who Could Not Die." The author wrote it after escaping from Soviet prisons and concentration camps. Her only crime was the fact that she was the faithful wife of a man in a position of treason to the Soviet regime. Here is a brief extract from her story:

Her examiner in prison looks me up and down slowly, and I realise that my shabby clothes are worn almost to tatters. "Sit down. Have you any new statements to make?"

"No."

"Nothing."

"I'm sorry, you do not change your mind."

"It isn't a matter of mind, it's a matter of facts."

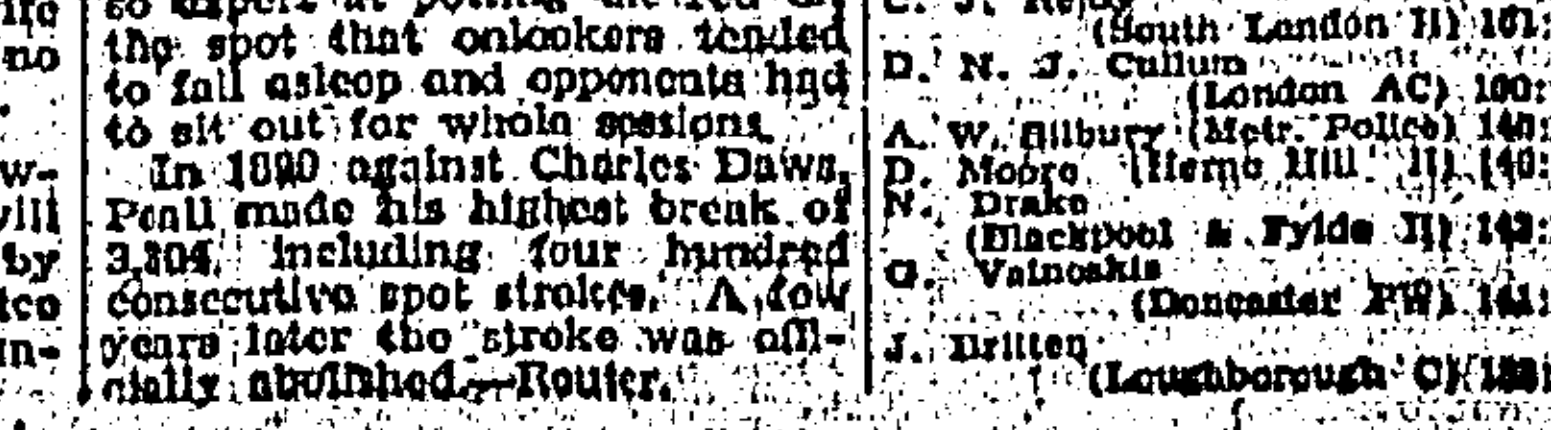
"It is both in your case. You know facts, of which you will not speak, and you show the wrong attitude of mind. Convinced by crimes, all wife of a traitor is punishable by death. You have been warned."

"Yes."

"He tells me to sign a form stating that I have no fresh evidence to give, and telephones for my gaoler."

"I should like you to be quite clear on one point. We only kill those of whom we think very highly and those whom we despise profoundly. You cannot doubt that we think highly of you."

"I shall comply myself with that when I am dying."



SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Gordon Pirie Will Challenge Zatopek In Both The Distance Races At Helsinki

Britain's Paavo Nurmi, that is the name being given to 21-year-old bank clerk Gordon Pirie. This tall, slim loose-limbed athlete is certainly one of Britain's brightest hopes for the Olympic Games.

If he continues to turn in performances of the same calibre as in the recent British Games at the White City, he will be a serious rival to Emil Zatopek, the mercurial Czech.

GERMANS MAKE A SENSATIONAL DEBUT IN THE MILE RUN

Germany will make its presence felt at the Olympic Games. Since the war there have been great strides made in athletics. In a mile race at Bremen recently the first five men home clocked under 4 min. 10 sec., one of the greatest combined feats ever for the event.

The winner was Werner Lueg. His time of 4 min. 6.4 sec. is the same as Sydney Wooderson's pre-war world record.

Not Too Many Cooks, Please, For Helsinki

Helsinki, June 9. Mr. Sigfried Edstrom, Swedish President of the International Olympic Games Committee, said today that he has asked all local committees to limit the number of non-competing members of their teams to the Olympic Games here to one-fifth of the number of active competitors.

Non-competing members, Mr. Edstrom explained, mean leaders, officials, trainers, masseurs, cooks, etc.

He said that his appeal was purely private and not based on any decision of the International Committee.

The Organising Committee here is, however, reliably understood to support Mr. Edstrom's appeal.

Finland is the smallest country to organise the Games and the participation this year of 71 nations will be a record.

Accordingly, accommodation is short.

The Organising Committee has accommodation ready for the competitors, but the non-competing members are regarded as "tourists" and must lodge in ordinary hotels and boarding houses.—Reuter.

Amateur Sports Federation Meeting

A proposal that the two representatives exchanged between the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation of Hongkong and the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hongkong by entities to vote at all committee meetings was rejected at the latter's board meeting at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday.

The proposal made by the Chinese Federation affected Rule No. 8 of the A.S.F. & O.C. constitution.

The meeting called to hear reports and statements of accounts was attended by representatives of the members of the Federation with Mr. Ma Man-fai in the chair.

The proposal put forward by a member association to institute an amendment in the rules of general meeting, that the rules of the constitution could be amended at any board meeting after a one-month notice, whereas rules could only be amended once a year at the annual general meeting as at present, was approved.

The appeal made by the Hongkong Miniature Football Association for help to find grounds for matches met with sympathetic approval.



"I doubt whether the present Government will tolerate this sort of threat to private enterprise!"

London Express Service.

During a rain-soaked Whitman-holiday week-end, Pirie's performances shone like a ray of sunshine through the gloom and hail.

On the Saturday, running for Surrey in the Three Mile Inter-Counties event, he shattered Sydney Wooderson's British record by 8.4 seconds, with a time of 13 min. 44.8 sec.

UNINTENTIONALLY

He did not set out to break the record, but did it unintentionally. What is more, at the finish he appeared fresh enough to run another three miles.

The performance is all the more praiseworthy because it was achieved on a heavy track, which, saturated by the frequent showers, was not at all conducive to fast running. Had the track been dry, Pirie might well have broken Gunder Hagg's world record of 13 min. 32.4 sec.

On the Monday, Pirie competed in the Two Mile International Invitational event. With such overseas competition as Curtis Storie of America, and Cernj, the Yugoslav, a fast time was expected. In fact Pirie himself said that he intended to attempt to lower the British record of 9 min. 3.4 sec.

OUT OF THE QUESTION

However, when the time for the race arrived, it was obvious that record-breaking was out of the question. Indeed it was a surprise that the race took place at all.

Just before it was due to start a tropical hailstorm caused the track to become flooded. The hail gave way to torrential rain, and it was still pouring when the competitors lined up for the 'off', and the downpour continued for most of the race.

For the first mile, Pirie was content to let someone else make the pace and tuck in behind the leaders. At the half-way stage he swept into the lead, and unchallenged, he went on to win comfortably in 9 min. 8.6 sec. As in the Three Mile race, he finished with plenty to spare.

During the winter Gordon runs in cross-country races, to keep in trim. He does not use them as mere training jaunts, but competes with marked success.

Last winter he won the Southern and Inter-Counties titles, and was second in the English National Championship. His White City successes will cause many to revise their ideas on training, for it was often said that cross-country running is not good preparation for middle-distance track runners.

How do Gordon's Olympic chances compare with those of the phenomenal Zatopek?

He wants to compete in both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres events, and so will probably meet the Czech twice. Zatopek's best times to date are 14 min. 3 sec. for the 5,000 and 29 min. 2.6 sec. for the 10,000.

NOT UNFAVOURABLY

Gordon's Three Miles in 13 min. 44.8 sec. is equivalent to running the 5,000 Metres in about 14 min. 20 sec. This may seem to compare unfavourably with Zatopek's performances, but it must be remembered he was running on a slow track, and he was not forced to run all out.

On a similar track in the 1948 Wembley Olympics, Zatopek, running second to Gaston Reiff of Belgium, covered the distance in 14 min. 17.8 sec.

The time table of events at Helsinki would allow Pirie to compete in the two events. The 10,000 will be run on Sunday, July 20. There are no heats. It is run as a final.

On the following Tuesday the 5,000 Metres heats take place, with the final on the following Thursday.

It will be an exciting test to run in both, but Gordon has proved himself capable of meeting such a challenge.

—(London Express Service)

15 ENGLAND PLAYERS IN BRITAIN'S SOCCER TEAM OF 20 FOR HELSINKI

By DENNIS ROBERTS

Fifteen England amateurs are among the 20 players chosen for the British Olympic soccer party for Helsinki—and 11 play for London clubs. The final trials were held at the Kingstonian ground on Saturday, May 31, and the party was announced by the Football Association on June 3.

One of the surprises is the inclusion of Bob Hardisty, Bishop Auckland wing-half or inside-forward, who captained the Olympic side four years ago.

He has not played for England since the Festival of Britain match against Norway in May last year, and it was thought his days as an international footballer were over.

He has been acting as England team manager in Walter Winterbottom's absence and travelled in that capacity when the Olympic trial party visited West Germany recently.

Winterbottom is in charge of the party visiting Helsinki, but I understand that Hardisty will also act as his assistant.

RITCHIE OVERLOOKED

The claims of the Scottish goalkeeper, Ritchie, have been overlooked and the two goalkeepers travelling are Ted Bennett (Southall) and Ben Brown (Pegasus).

After beating England at Wembley, Scotland had seven players included in the 25 originally chosen for Olympic training, but the selectors have been pruning and now only three are left.

One is full-back Tommy Stewart, who helped Isthmian League side Romford until returning to Queen's Park last year.

Ken Yenson, Leyton captain, travelled as a full-back, though it was as centre-half that he made his name with Leyton this season. Strangely enough he is still without a cap for England.

He is the only Leyton player to be picked. Walthamstow Avenue who beat them in the FA Amateur Cup final, have three representatives—full-back Les Stratton, half-back Derek Saunders, and, of course, centre-forward Jim Lewis.

Charlie Fuller, Bromley centre-half, who made a great comeback last season after losing the England captaincy, gets his place. He is 32 and the oldest player in the party.

ONLY SCOTS FORWARD

Only Scot among the forwards is vice Derek Grierson (Queens Park). The selectors could not afford to miss him out. McGarry, who like Grierson now qualifies for Middlesex Wanderers is the sole Irish representative in the side.

Alt Noble, Leyton's inside-right, gets his chance. Although Leytonstone had reached their peak at the time of the last Games, none of their players was chosen.

Automatic choice is that of Finchley left-winger George Robb. He has again re-signed as an amateur for Spurs, who like him to play regularly for them. If he did he would be certain of gaining a full international cap.

Two of the forwards are playing League soccer—Bill Holmes (Blackburn Rovers) and schoolteacher Bill Slater (Brentford).

This is probably just about the strongest party Britain can send to Helsinki. I do not think they will meet with much success, however, for they are likely to be the only soccer side in the game with full amateur credentials.

—(London Express Service)

Australia Wins Speedway Test

London, June 9. Australia beat England by 50 points to 52 in the first speedway test match at Wimbledon, London, tonight.

Ronnie Moore (Wimbledon) was Australia's top scorer with 18 points while Young (West Ham), registered 10.

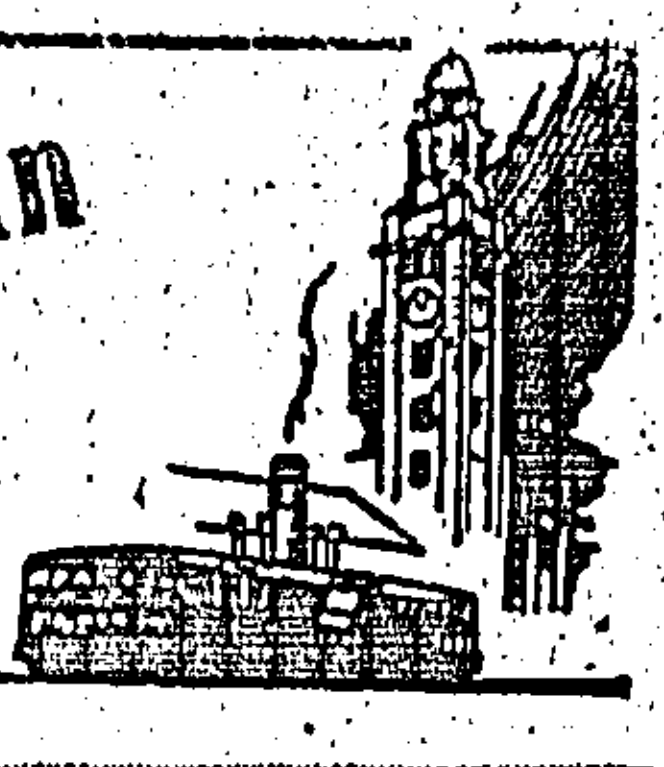
For England, Cyril Brins (Wimbledon) scored 13 points and the next best score was Bert Roger (New Cross) with 12.—Reuter.

"LITTLE MO" AT SURBITON



Maureen Connolly, the 17-year-old United States Lawn Tennis Champion, reached the final of the Women's Singles in the Surrey Championships at Surbiton recently, when she beat Mrs. Thelma Long, Australian No. 1, 10-8, 6-1.—Express Photo.

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West Of England Lawn Tennis Championships

Bristol, June 9. Leading overseas competitors had little trouble on Monday on the opening day of the West of England Lawn Tennis Championships.

Mrs. Patricia Dodd, U.S., topped in the Ladies' Singles, beat Miss E. Laurensen, West Berkshire Junior Champion, 6-0, 6-1 in 20 minutes.

Jaroslav Drobný, Egypt, seeded No. 1 in the Men's Singles, swept past Dr. O. da Costa (England), 6-0, 6-0.

Straight Clark, U.S., holder of the Men's Singles title, seeded No. 3, beat Dr. Ducknoll, England, 6-0, 6-3.

Ian Ayre, Australia, seeded No. 2, beat M. Moss, England, 6-0, 6-0.—Associated Press.

TODAY'S SPORTS

Inter-school heats at Ritz Pool, 6 p.m.
Bridge
Open mixed pairs at Jewish RC, 7 p.m.
Lawn Bowls
Open pairs at HKFC, KCC.
Lawn Tennis
League—LHC "A" v. HCC "A", HCC "B" v. HCC "C", HCC "D" v. HCC "E", HCC "F" v. HCC "G", HCC "H" v. HCC "I", HCC "J" v. HCC "K", HCC "L" v. HCC "M", HCC "N" v. HCC "O", HCC "P" v. HCC "Q", HCC "R" v. HCC "S", HCC "T" v. HCC "U", HCC "V" v. HCC "W", HCC "X" v. HCC "Y", HCC "Z" v. 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P.I. JUNIOR TEAM WIN
Paris, June 9. The Philippine junior tennis team defeated the French team at the Roland Garros Court on Sunday.
Fourteen-year-old Juan Jose spearheaded the Philippine victory winning two singles and a doubles. He defeated Henri Hourcade by scores of 6-2 and 6-4. Eighteen-year-old French G. Gallandroux easily beat Philippine player Manuel Ellis, 6-1 and 6-1.—France Press.

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Grave Shortage Of Rice In Southern Korea

Pusan, June 9.

Family rice bowls in South Korea will be only 85 per cent full this year.

War and drought have reduced supplies while the many refugees to be fed, are adding to the difficulty of finding sufficient rice for all.

The Agriculture Minister, Han In Sup, says, however, that a bumper wheat crop expected later this year and some imported grains will ward off actual starvation.

Nevertheless, there will be hunger.

Armies churning up the rice paddies north of Seoul cost the nation 240,000 tons of rice last year. Drought in three southern provinces reduced the total yield by another 100,000 tons.

On the other hand, North Korean refugees fleeing Communism and the fighting have added 170,000 tons to the annual

consumption. Petitions from hungry provinces are reaching the temporary capital almost every day.

Thousands of South Koreans find that they cannot afford the present inflated rice prices.

RELY ON RELIEF

South Korea, once the rice bowl of this centre of Asia, is today turning to imported grains to meet its needs. A contract with Thailand for 24,000 tons of rice was reported to have been signed recently, while the Government has allocated 7,000,000 dollars to buy 54,000 tons of barley from America.

There are about 5,000,000 war-displaced persons, refugees from North Korea, orphans, widows and beggars who rely almost entirely on relief supplies, according to the Social Welfare Ministry.

After a nation-wide survey, the Ministry said that almost half of the population of 21,000,000 cannot earn enough to buy the rice they need for bare subsistence. Hunger has driven many to sell their few possessions to theft, and to allowing their daughters to become prostitutes.

U.N. HELPING

United Nations armies are co-operating with a scheme to resettle war-displaced farmers on their land as quickly as possible.

Army engineers designed and built culvert systems to restore the flow of water past landing strips and other levelled areas which had choked the centuries-old irrigation canals.

Many observers here believe that the real solution will be found by the Korean people themselves.

As near to the front lines as security permits, they are patiently patching together their damaged homes, digging out ditches and working with their hands to restore fertility to the parched rice paddies.—Reuter.

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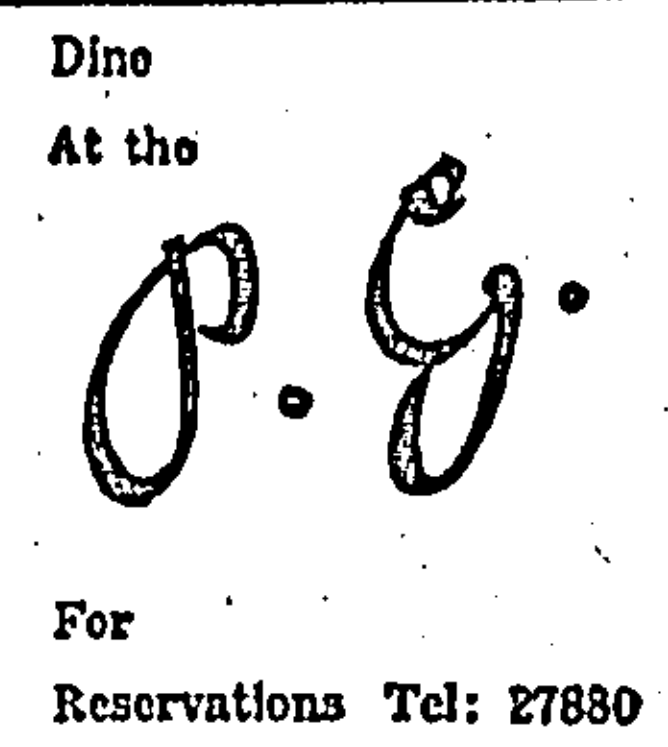
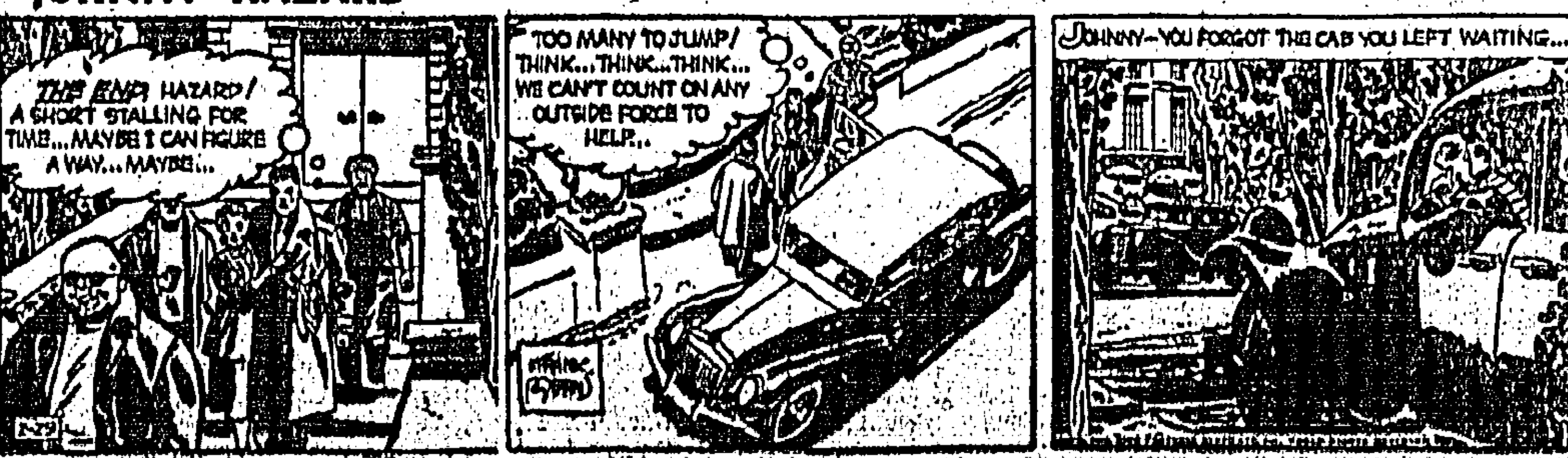
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JAPANESE BONDS PROBLEM

Washington, June 9. Takeshi Watanabe, financial counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, told the Press today that he will leave on June 10 for Tokyo to discuss with his Government the outstanding Japanese dollar bonds with their more than 10 years accrued interest and other financial and economic problems.

There are \$70,000,000 outstanding in Japanese bonds on which there is \$48,000,000 unpaid interest since Pearl Harbour.

The problem facing Japan is how to handle this large obligation and keep its financial credit good in the world money market. One tentative suggestion has been that the Japanese might issue increased capital stock to cover the principal and interest and then begin payment at once.

Mr Watanabe will leave New York for Tokyo after attending a dinner on June 17 to be given to the Japanese Ambassador, Eiichi Araki, by Mr Joseph Grew, former American Ambassador to Japan.—United Press.

Weakness In Textiles

Washington, June 9. The world cotton textile market continues to weaken, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers reports. A report by the International Cotton Advisory Committee indicates there may be a moratorium among the main cotton textile exporters of the world shortly to avoid an all-out price war to get rid of heavy inventories. Many cotton exporting countries, notably Egypt and Mexico, are trying to reach better agreements with foreign importers to get rid of present cotton stocks.

